

# **ABSTRACT**

5       The present invention is drawn to methods and compositions for suppressing  
cell death in plants. Specifically, novel proteins and genes are provided for use in  
plant transformation. The proteins and genes are useful for activating disease  
resistance, enhancing plant cell transformation efficiency, engineering herbicide  
resistance, genetically targeting cell ablations, and other methods involving the  
regulation of cell death in plants. Also provided are inducible promoters that can be  
10       used in DNA constructs to express polynucleotides in plants, plant cells, tissues and  
seeds.